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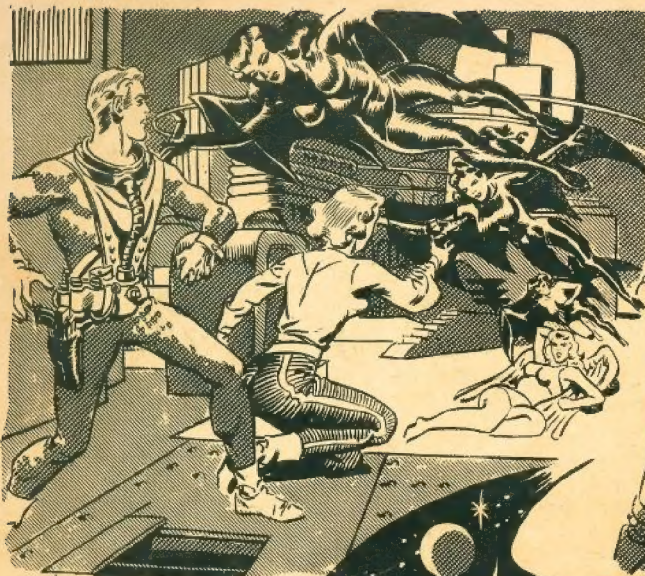
DETECTIVE



BATWOMEN
OF MERCURY

METAL
MURDERERS
OF MARS

SLAVE-SHIP
OF SATURN



THRILL TO THE WEIRD GRUESOME PUZZLE OF "THE METAL MURDERERS OF MARS" WHEN THE WILY DESPERADO, GARGOYLE, USES ALL HIS TRICKS TO TRAP AVENGER AND TEENA!



FOLLOW THE SPACE DETECTIVE AND TEENA OUT ACROSS THE STARWAYS, INTO THE MOUNTAINS OF A DISTANT PLANET AS THEY STRUGGLE WITH THE BEAUTIFUL BUT MURDEROUS... "BAT-WOMEN OF MERCURY!"



VISIT THE CROWDED SLAVE-MARKET OF SATURN! SEE AVENGER AND TEENA DISGUISED AS SLAVES! THEN PLUNGE WITH THEM TO THEIR FINAL BLOOD-CHILLING BATTLE WITH GARGOYLE, FAR IN THE DEPTHS OF INTER-PLANETARY SPACE!

SPACE DETECTIVE

THERE HE IS, TEENA!
THE GARGOYLE!

HELP! HELP!

AND THE TERRIBLE
BAT-WOMEN!

NOW YOU DIE,
AVENGER!

AVENGER AND TEENA PAY
A LAST VISIT TO THE NOTORI-
OUS CRIMINAL KNOWN AS THE
GARGOYLE, WHO HAS BEEN SEN-
TENCED TO DEATH ON THE ELEC-
TRONIC SLAB...

YOU GO TO THE
SLAB IN A MONTH,
GARGOYLE!

I'LL NEVER
DIE IN HERE! I'LL
LIVE TO KILL YOU,
AVENGER!

FEARED BY THE
CRIMINALS OF THE
SOLAR SYSTEM,
THE FAMOUS INTER-
PLANETARY SLEUTH
TRACKS HIS ARCH-
ENEMY, THE NOTORI-
OUS GARGOYLE,
ACROSS THE STAR-
TRAILS, AND FIGHTS
FOR HIS LIFE IN
THE SECRET HIDE-
OUT OF THE MUR-
DEROUS...

BATWOMEN OF MERCURY!

TEENA STANDS TOO CLOSE TO THE CELL-BARS! QUICKLY,
GARGOYLE REACHES THROUGH THE BARS, AND...

EKK!

WHA...?!

IN THE STRUGGLE, TEENA'S LONG FINGERNAILS SCRATCH THE GARGOYLE'S FACE! THEN THE AVENGER'S FIST PUTS AN END TO THE GARGOYLE'S ATTACK!

YOU
LITTLE SHE-
DEVIL!

GET BACK, YOU APE!
COME ON, TEENA! IT
WON'T BE LONG AND
WE'LL BE RID OF
HIM!

BUT, A WEEK LATER, THE WORLD IS
ELECTRIFIED BY STARTLING NEWS...

CLOAKED WITH ELECTRONIC
INVISIBILITY, MEMBERS
OF GARGOYLE'S CRIMINAL
BAND BROKE INTO THE
STATE PENITENTIARY
TONIGHT AND RELEASED
THE CONDEMNED MAN!

A YEAR LATER, GARGOYLE IS STILL AT LARGE!
ROD HATHWAY, THE YOUNG PHILANTHRO-
PIST AND HIS PRETTY SECRETARY, DOT, ARE IN
ROD'S STUDY! NO ONE KNOWS THAT THEY ARE
REALLY THE FAMOUS AVENGER AND TEENA!

OCTOBER 31ST! IT'S JUST A
YEAR TONIGHT SINCE
GARGOYLE ESCAPED!

AND WE'VE HAD NO
CLUE AT ALL TO WHERE
HE IS!

IT IS HALLOWEEN! ROD'S DOORBELL IS
RUNG BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN!
AND NOW...

WELL...?
COME IN,
KIDS!

GARGOYLE MASKS! I
DIDN'T KNOW *THEY* WERE
BEING SOLD! WE'RE THE
GARGOYLE!

YAAHH!

YOU'RE
SCARED
OF US!

SO YOU BOUGHT IT
AT THE CANDY STORE!
HERE'S A DOLLAR FOR
YOU! I'LL KEEP THIS
MASK, OKAY?

A DOLLAR?
NOW!

THEN PRESENTLY...

DOT, LOOK! SEE THAT SCAR?

THAT'S FROM YOUR FINGERNAILS!
THIS MASK WAS MADE
AFTER THE
GARGOYLE
ESCAPED!

WITH A QUICK SWITCH INTO THEIR COSTUMES, THE SPACE DETECTIVE AND TEENA, HIS FIGHTING PARTNER, ARE READY FOR ACTION...

THESE MASKS ARE MADE BY THE GARONDE MASQUE SHOP! COME ON, WE'LL INVESTIGATE!



QUITE A CONTRAST... THAT HANDSOME FACE, AND THE GARGOYLE'S!

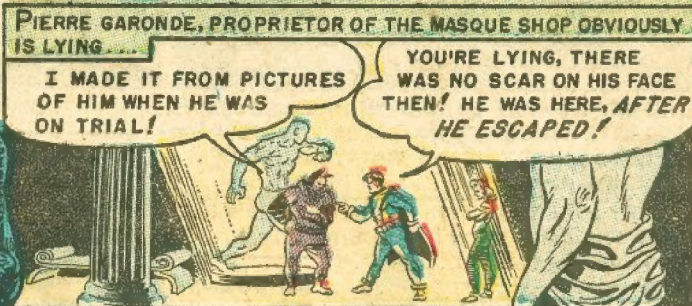
CERTAINLY IS!



PIERRE GARONDE, PROPRIETOR OF THE MASQUE SHOP OBVIOUSLY IS LYING...

I MADE IT FROM PICTURES OF HIM WHEN HE WAS ON TRIAL!

YOU'RE LYING, THERE WAS NO SCAR ON HIS FACE THEN! HE WAS HERE, AFTER HE ESCAPED!



THEN, SUDDENLY...

YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO TELL IT!

AVENGER! WATCH OUT!

SO THAT'S YOUR GAME, IS IT?



HE... HE DID COME HERE! JUST TO LOOK AT MY MASKS! HE WAS GOING TO MERCURY... ESCAPING! I--I DIDN'T DARE REPORT IT!

LATER, IN AVENGER'S SWIFT, LITTLE SPACEFLYER, HE AND TEENA RUSH UP INTO THE STARWAYS...

ARE WE HEADING FOR THE FOREST CITY OF MERCURY?



GOING TO MERCURY! THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW!



YES! IT ISN'T LIKE GARGOYLE TO REMAIN QUIET VERY LONG! HE WON'T LOOK LIKE THE GARGOYLE. HE'LL BE DISGUISED--- BUT I THINK I'LL RECOGNIZE HIM!

AT LAST THE FOREST CITY OF MERCURY LIES BENEATH THEM...



THE BAT-WOMEN! BORN WITH IMBECILE BRAINS, AND WITH VIOLENT CRIMINAL INSTINCTS IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE! FROM BIRTH THEY MUST BE KEPT IN JAIL-HOMES!

THEY MADE AWAY WITH WARDEN WILLIAM REET, GOT THE CAGE DOOR OPEN AND FLEW OUT! AND NOW, EVERY NIGHT...

YOU GOT WATCH AND MONEY! GIVE IT!

A BAT-WOMAN!

EEEEOW

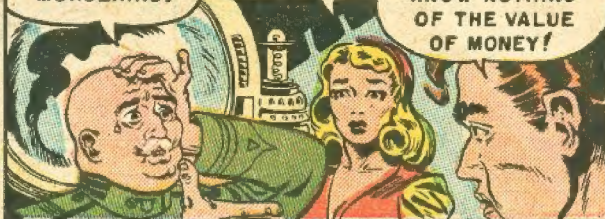


BUT...THE AVENGER FINDS THE FOREST CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IS IN A TURMOIL...

THE BAT-WOMEN HAVE ESCAPED! THIEVING, MURDERING!

BAT-WOMEN FLYING FREE? NOW TERRIBLE!

COMMITTING THEFTS? BUT BAT-WOMEN KNOW NOTHING OF THE VALUE OF MONEY!



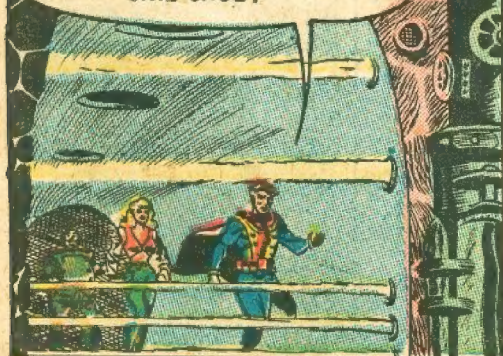
VICIOUS, CRIMINAL CREATURES, ONLY HALF-HUMAN.



BAT-WOMEN! UGH!

SAVE ME! HELP!

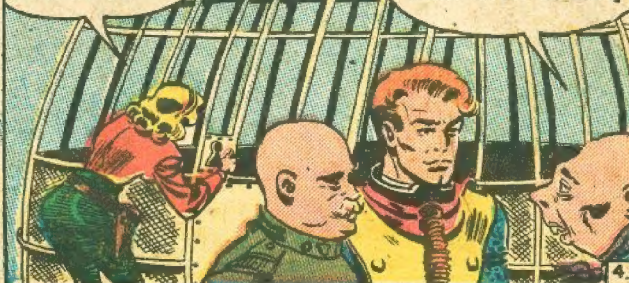
YOU SAY THEY TAKE MONEY AND JEWELS? THAT SUGGESTS THAT SOMEONE MUST BE DIRECTING THEM! COME ON, TEENA, LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THEIR JAIL-CAGE!



THIS IS OGG, WILLIAM REET'S ASSISTANT-WARDEN! HE'LL TELL YOU ALL HE KNOWS!

THIS CAGE-DOOR WASN'T BROKEN OPEN! IT WAS JUST UNLOCKED!

WHEN I CAME IN, IN THE MORNING, THIS DOOR WAS OPEN—BAT-WOMEN GONE! THEY MUST HAVE KILLED REET—FLEW AWAY WITH HIS BODY!





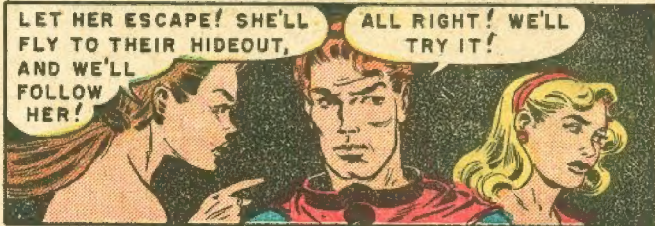


VICIOUS, SNARLING, SPITTING COMBAT! THEN...



LET HER ESCAPE! SHE'LL FOLLOW HER!

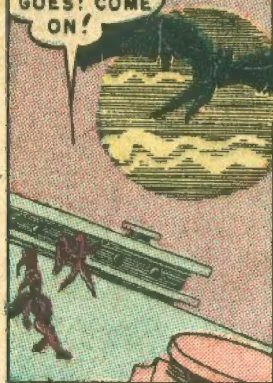
ALL RIGHT! WE'LL TRY IT!



THE GIRLS OF THE FLYING PATROL, CARRYING AVENGER AND TEENA, FOLLOW THE FLEEING BAT-WOMAN!

PRESENTLY...

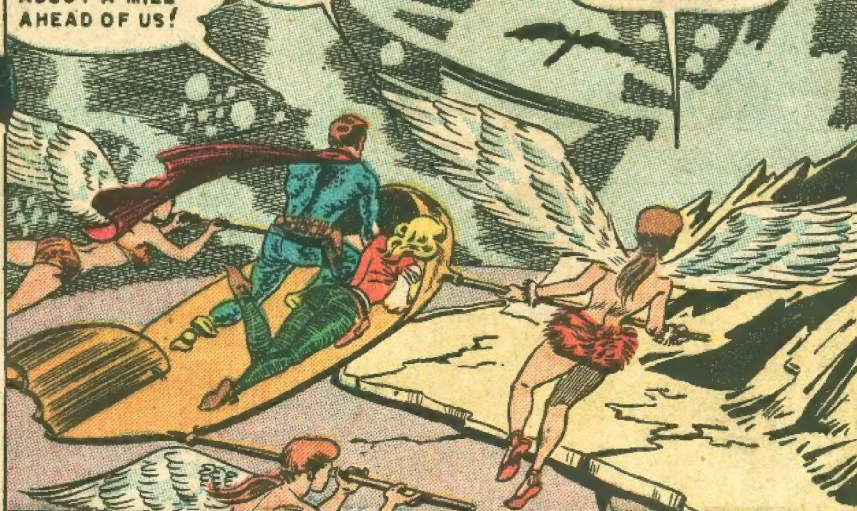
THERE SHE GOES! COME ON!



YOU CAN SEE THE BAT-WOMAN... ABOUT A MILE AHEAD OF US!

YES!

SHE'S HEADING UP INTO THE SKYE MOUNTAINS!



FAR UP AMONG THE CRAGS OF THE DESOLATE SKYE MOUNTAINS, THEY SPOT THE HIDEOUT OF THE BAT-WOMEN!

THE HIDEOUT IS UP THERE! MY GIRLS WILL ATTACK IT FROM THE AIR!

TEENA AND I WILL CREEP UP ON IT OVER THE ROCKS! THAT FELLOW, REET, PROBABLY WILL BE WITH THEM!

HE'LL BE ARMED! BE CAREFUL, AHLA!



BUT SUDDENLY, THE BAT-WOMEN ATTACK!

HERE THEY COME NOW!



FAR DOWN ON THE GROUND AVENGER AND TEENA STAND HELPLESS...



THE AIR IS DOTTED WITH WOUNDED BAT-WOMEN! THEN SUDDENLY AVENGER SEES AHLA FALLING, WITH A GROUP OF THE BAT-WOMEN GRIPPING HER...



ALONE ON THE DARK ROCKS, TEENA DOES NOT SEE THE FIGURE CREEPING UP BEHIND HER! AND SUDDENLY...

STAND QUIET, TEENA... OR I'LL KILL YOU! ULP!... YOU-REET!



MY SPACESHIP IS NEAR HERE, LOADED WITH THE LOOT THE BAT-WOMEN GOT FOR ME! I'LL TAKE YOU TO ANOTHER WORLD! THAT WILL WORRY AVENGER, WON'T IT, LITTLE TEENA?

YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT, GARGOYLE!



AND A MOMENT LATER...

YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, AHLA?... LOOK! THERE GOES REET!



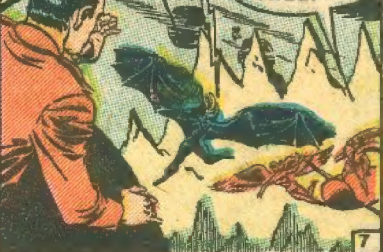
THEN SUDDENLY TEENA SEES HER CHANCE...

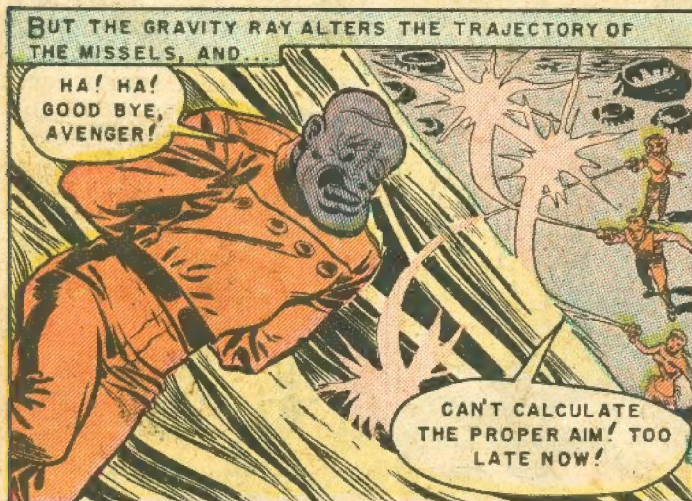
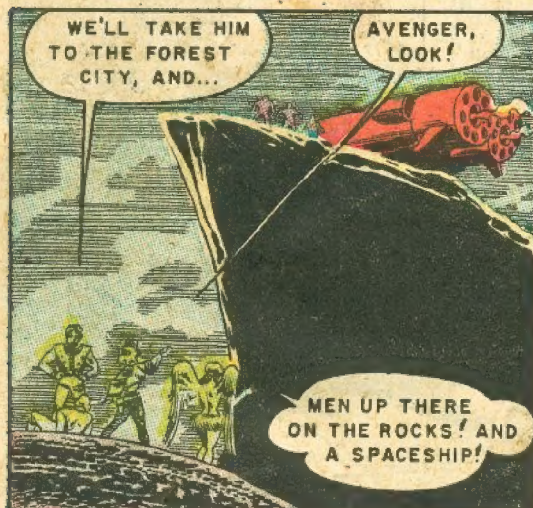
GARGOYLE! ZTTT! YAH! I YOU KNOW KILL YOU NOW! ME?... WHA...?



SHE'LL KILL YOU, TEENA! HA! HA! YOU MAKE A PRETTY GOOD PARACHUTE! WE'LL SETTLE THIS WHEN WE HIT THE GROUND!

ZTTT! TEENA! YAH! HANG ON TO HER! DON'T FALL!



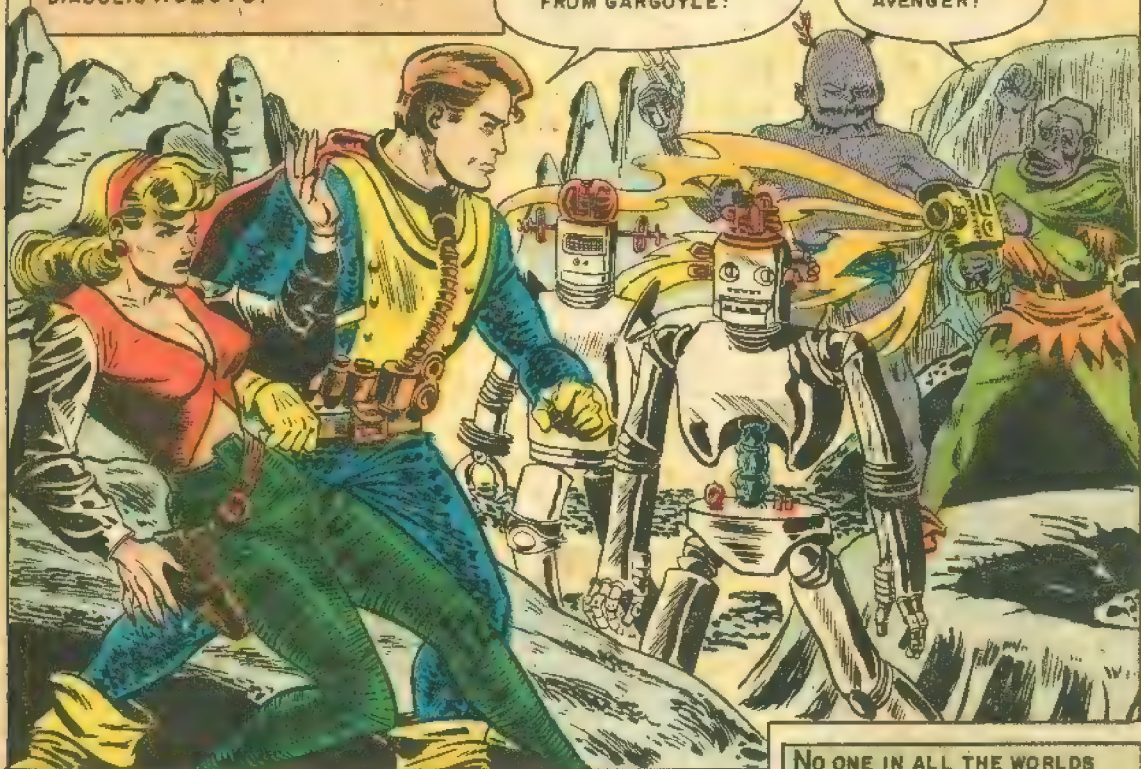


the METAL MURDERERS of MARS!

INTO THE BLEAK, ROCKY DESOLATION OF THE RED PLANET, THE AVENGER FOLLOWS THE TRAIL OF THE VILLAINOUS GARGOYLE! WEIRD AND DESPERATE STRUGGLE AS THE TRICKY GARGOYLE HURLS AGAINST THEM THE DIABOLIC ROBOTS!

TEENA, THE ROBOTS ARE TAKING ORDERS FROM GARGOYLE!

YOU'RE DOOMED, AVENGER!



NO ONE IN ALL THE WORLDS KNOWS THAT THEY ARE THE FAMOUS AVENGER AND TEENA! NOW, WITH A QUICK CHANGE INTO THEIR FIGHTING COSTUMES...

IN HIS LUXURIOUS APARTMENT, ROD HATHWAY, WEALTHY YOUNG PHILANTHROPIST IS WITH HIS SECRETARY, DOT! SUDDENLY THE TEL-AUDIO GRID AUTOMATICALLY LIGHTS WITH AN EMERGENCY CALL...

DOT! THAT'S US!

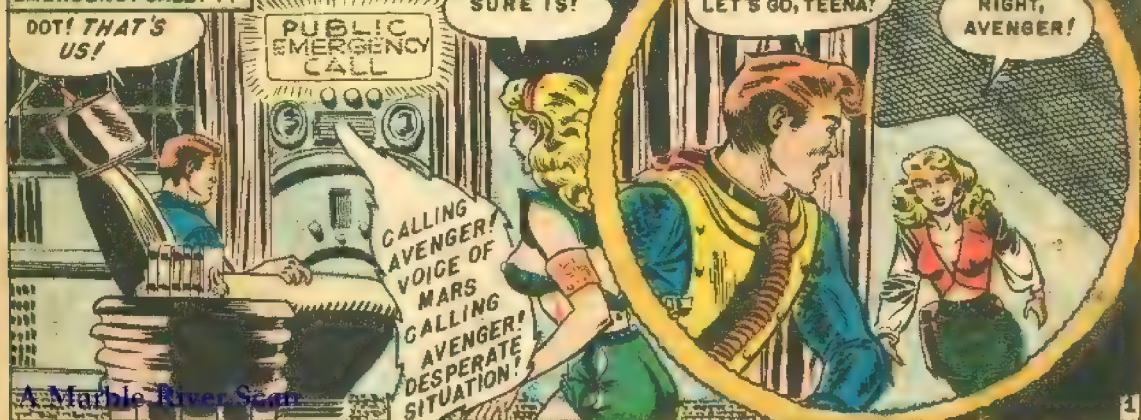
PUBLIC EMERGENCY CALL

SURE IS!

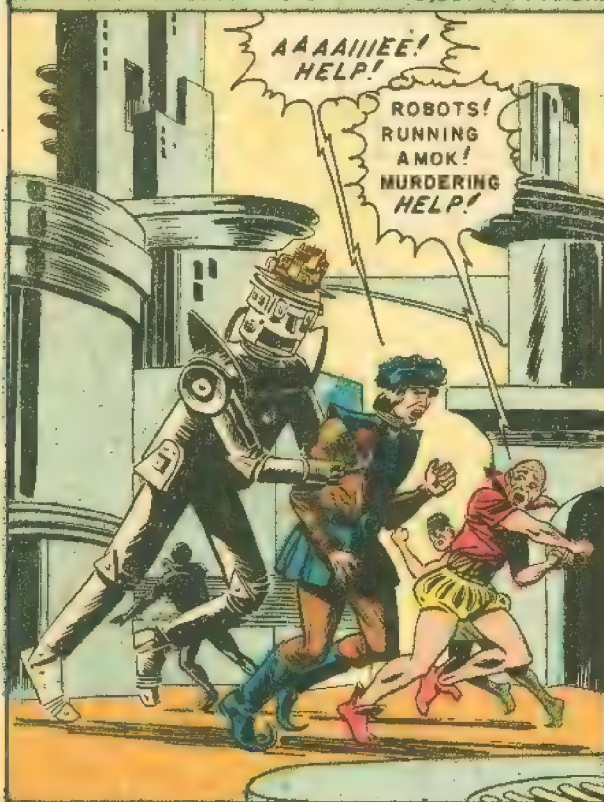
LET'S GO, TEENA!

RIGHT, AVENGER!

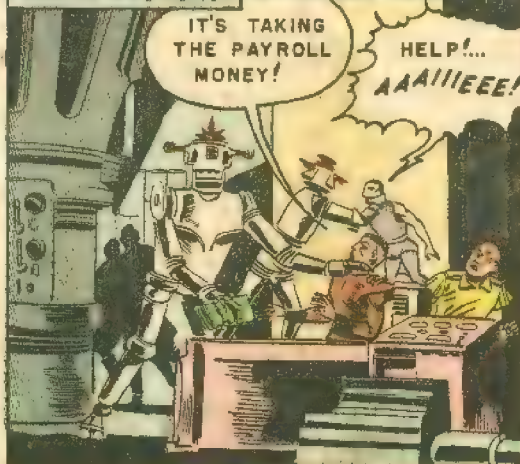
CALLING AVENGER! VOICE OF MARS CALLING AVENGER! DESPERATE SITUATION!



IN THEIR POWERFUL LITTLE SPACE SHIP, THE FAMOUS SPACE DETECTIVE AND HIS PARTNER ARE HURLING THROUGH THE STARWAYS, BUT ON MARS...



GIANT METAL MACHINES THAT PERFORM ALL THE SIMPLE, HEAVY-WORK TASKS ON MARS, HAVE TURNED AGAINST THEIR HUMAN MASTERS!



THOSE ROBOTS ARE BUILT FOR ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE!

THEY'RE STEALING MONEY, JEWELS! SOME HUMAN CRIMINAL MUST HAVE A SECRET WAY OF COMMANDING THEM, TEENA!



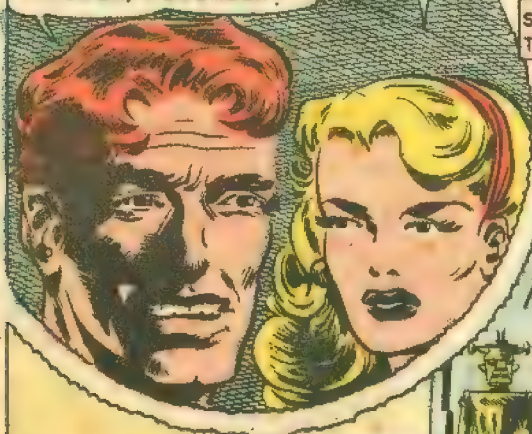
CRIMINALS OFTEN REPEAT THE SAME TYPE OF CRIME, TEENA! GARGOYLE COMMANDED THOSE MURDEROUS RAIDS OF THE BAT-WOMEN, REMEMBER?

YOU MEAN...?!

COULD THIS BE A NEW ACTIVITY OF THE GARGOYLE? AVENGER AND TEENA HASTEN TO THE EARTH EMBASSY! THE AMBASSADOR'S FAMILY-SERVANT ROBOT ADMITS THEM!

I AM AB6! WHAT DO YOU WISH, SIR?

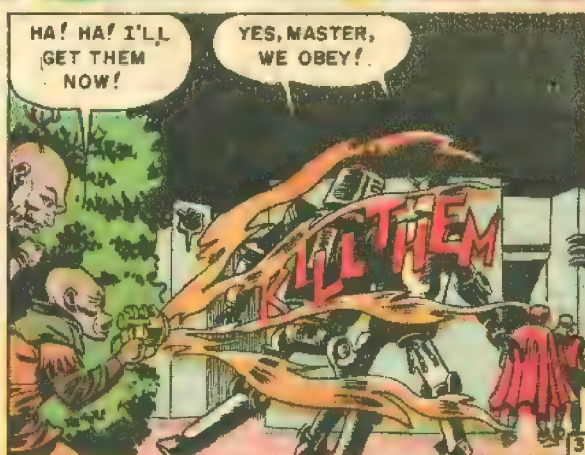
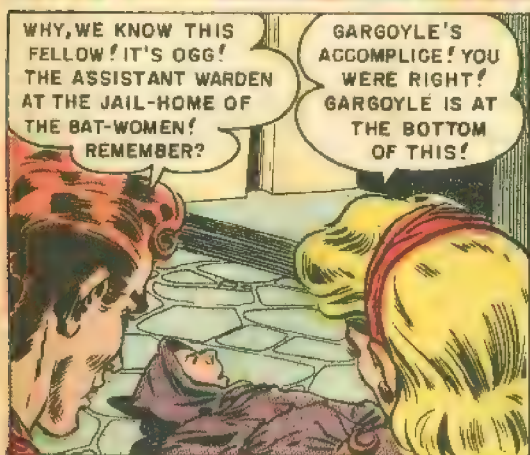
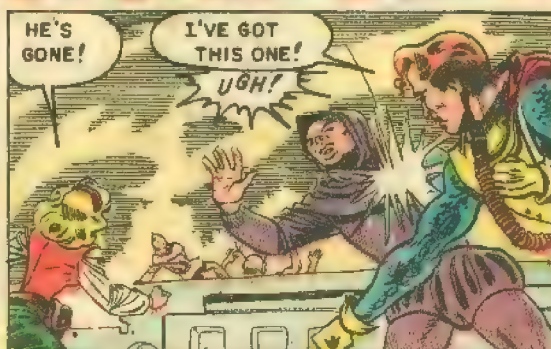
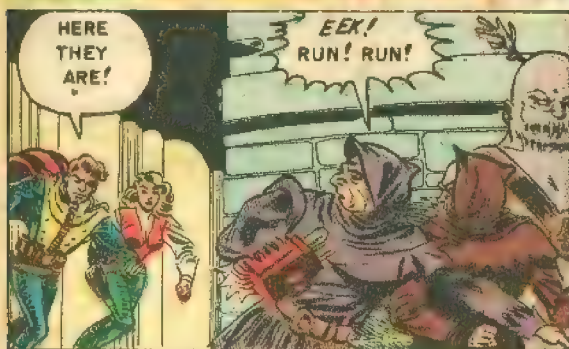
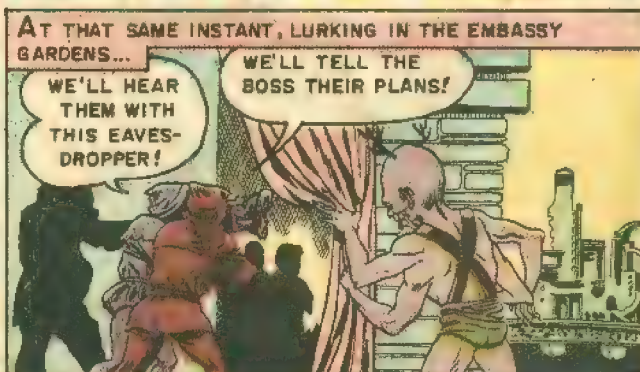
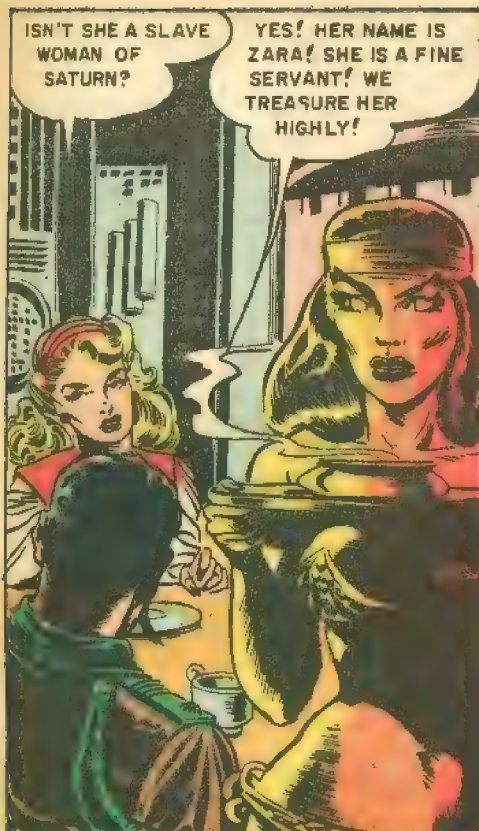
WE WISH TO SEE THE AMBASSADOR!



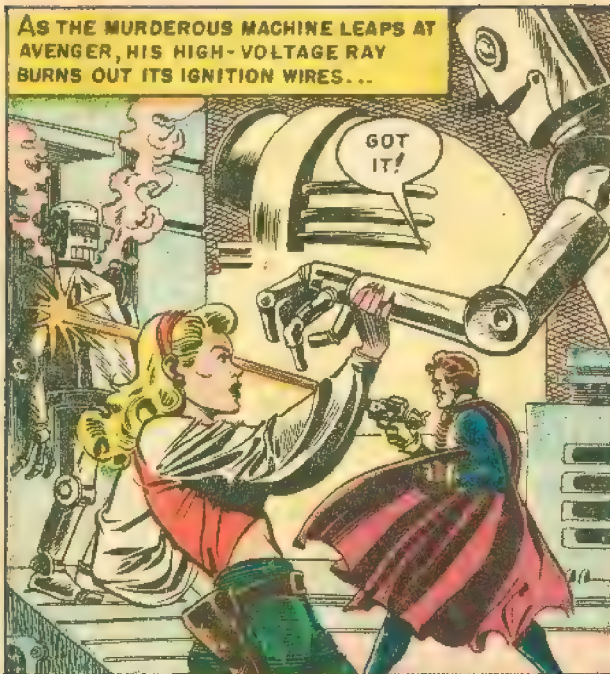
THE CITY IS IN A PANIC! WE CANNOT TELL WHERE THE ROBOTS WILL STRIKE NEXT!

WE'LL HAVE TO FERRET OUT THE HUMAN CRIMINAL WHO IS BACK OF ALL THIS!





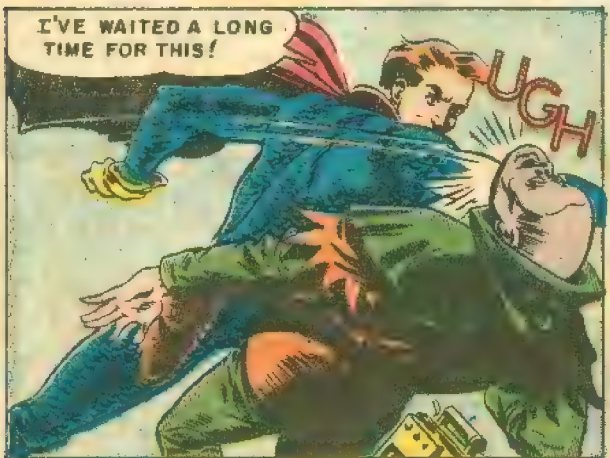
AS THE MURDEROUS MACHINE LEAPS AT AVENGER, HIS HIGH-VOLTAGE RAY BURNS OUT ITS IGNITION WIRES...



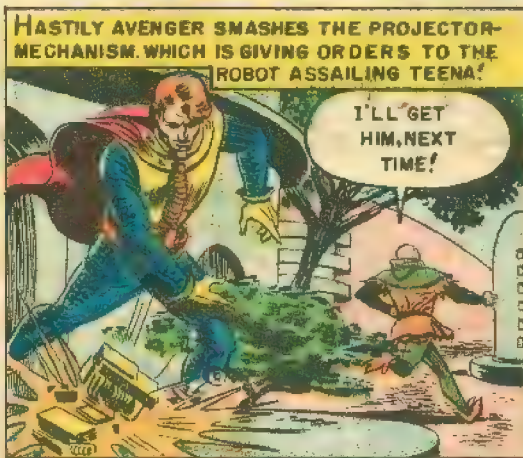
THEN AVENGER SEES THE HUMAN FIGURE, AND...



I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS!



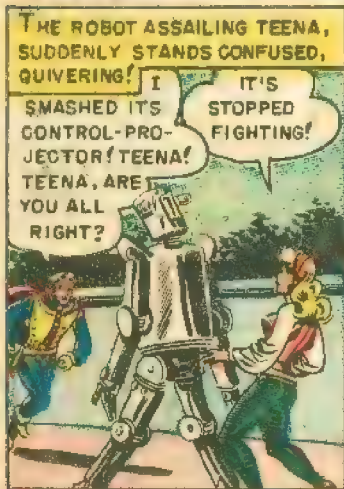
HASTILY AVENGER SMASHES THE PROJECTOR-MECHANISM, WHICH IS GIVING ORDERS TO THE ROBOT ASSAILING TEENA!



THE ROBOT ASSAILING TEENA, SUDDENLY STANDS CONFUSED, QUIVERING!

I SMASHED ITS CONTROL-PROJECTOR! TEENA! TEENA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

IT'S STOPPED FIGHTING!



SUDDENLY THE ROBOT WITH DERANGED MECHANISMS FALLS INERT, AND...

LOOK FOR ITS FACTORY NUMBER! WE CAN TRACE WHERE IT CAME FROM!

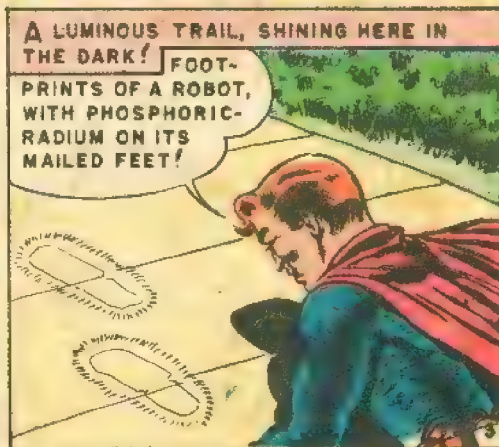
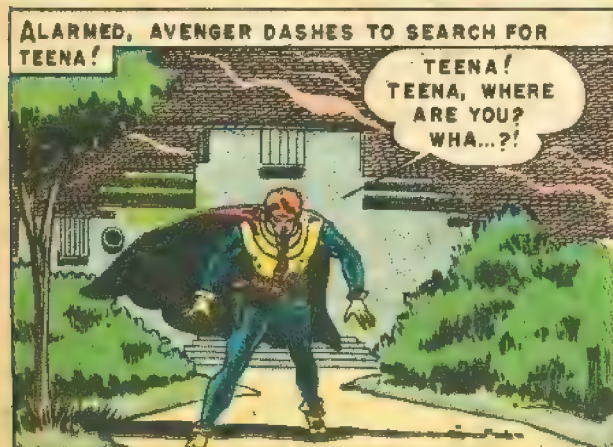
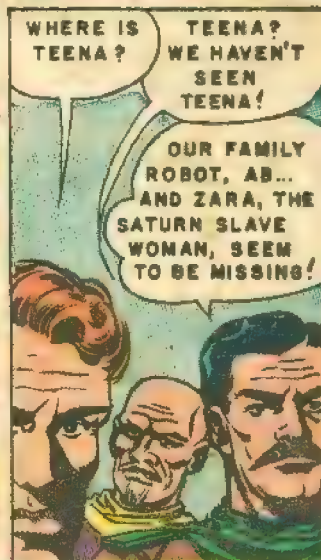
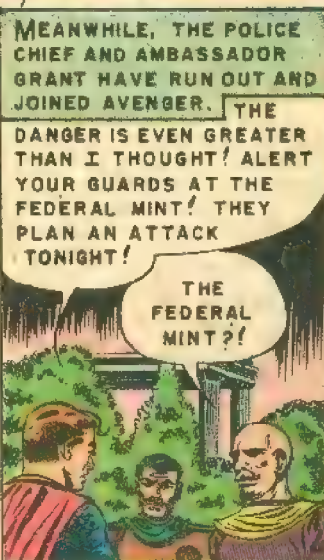
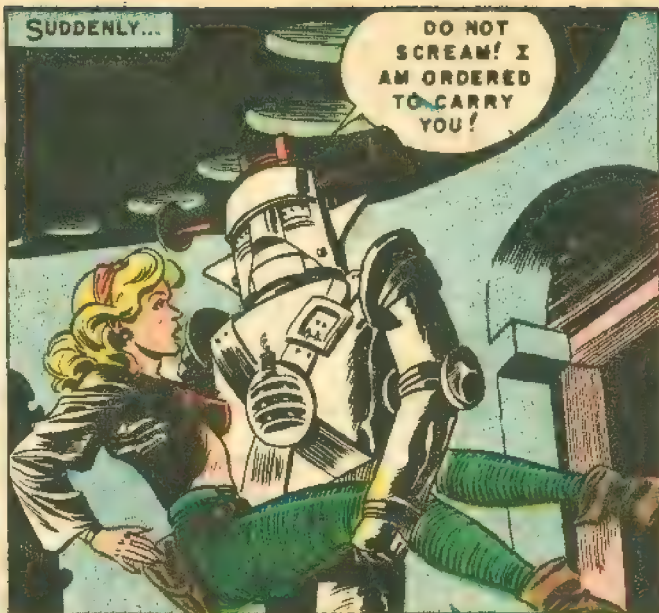
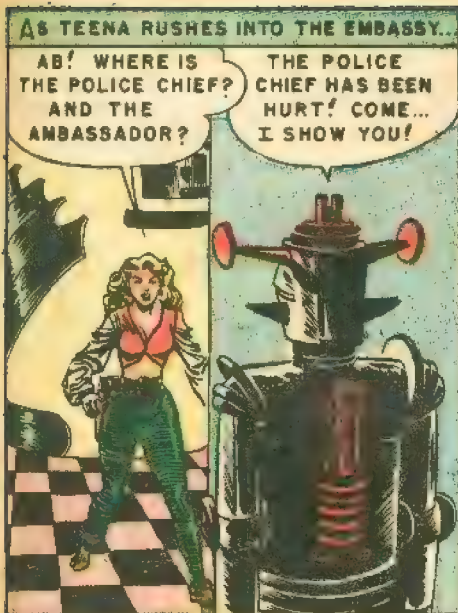
ITS NAMEPLATE HAS BEEN ERASED! TEENA, GET THE POLICE CHIEF AND AMBASSADOR! MAYBE I CAN MAKE OGG TALK!



I'LL BRING THEM RIGHT OUT!

D-DON'T KILL ME! I'LL TELL YOU ALL I KNOW! TONIGHT--LATER--ROBOTS RAIDING GOVERNMENT MINT! BIG HAUL--





WHILE UP IN THE ROCKY MARTIAN MOUNTAINS...

THAT ROBOT WILL
BE HERE PRESENTLY
WITH THE GIRL!
AND MY TRICK WILL
LURE THE AVENGER!

AND WHEN WE
GET THE LOOT
FROM THE FED-
ERAL MINT, WE MAKE
OUR GETAWAY!

BUT THE AVENGER
IS TOO ASTUTE TO
FALL INTO A TRAP!

WHY WOULD A
ROBOT HAVE
SUCH A CHEMICAL
ON ITS FEET...
EXCEPT TO MAKE
A TRAIL I
WOULD FOL-
LOW! I'LL
HAVE TO
WATCH MY-
SELF...NOT
GET
AMBUSHED!



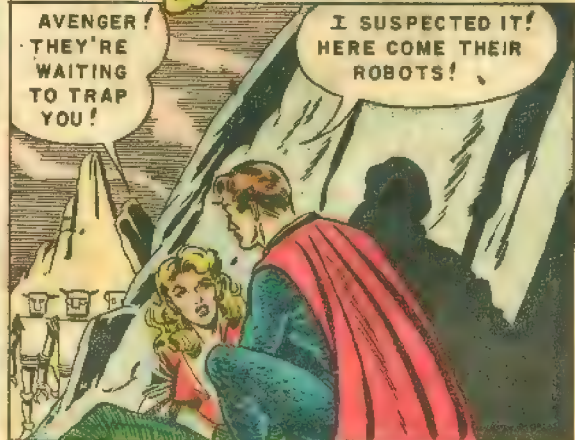
THEN, AS AVENGER ADVANCES WITH INCREAS-
ING CAUTION...

THERE'S TEENA!
BOUND HAND AND
FOOT...UP THERE
ALONE!



AVENGER!
THEY'RE
WAITING
TO TRAP
YOU!

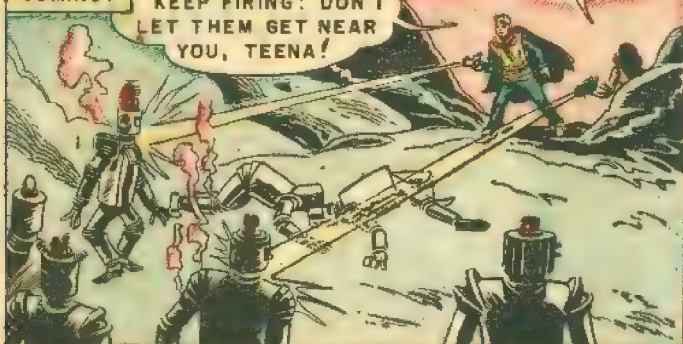
I SUSPECTED IT!
HERE COME THEIR
ROBOTS!



WITH BURNED-OUT FUSES, SOME OF THE
ROBOTS FALL! BUT THE OTHERS KEEP
COMING!

KEEP FIRING! DON'T
LET THEM GET NEAR
YOU, TEENA!

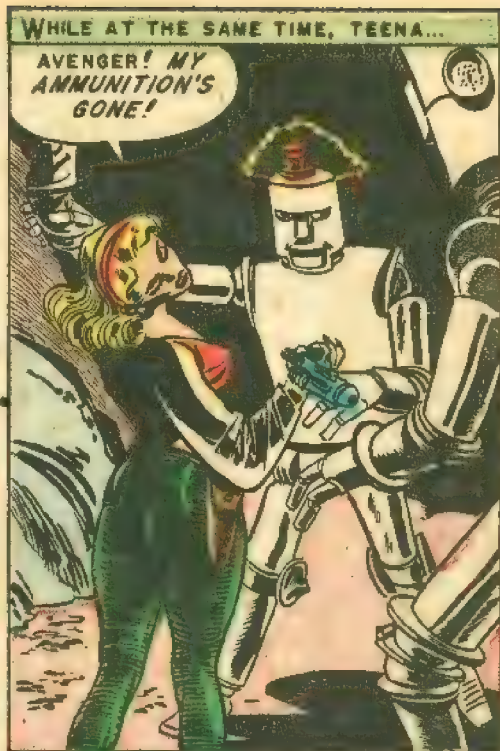
I'M TRYING...
NOT TO!



THE AVENGER SEES GARGOYLE
ISSUING HIS ORDERS TO THE MUR-
DEROUS MACHINES!

GOT TO
GET THAT
COMMAND
PROJECTOR!

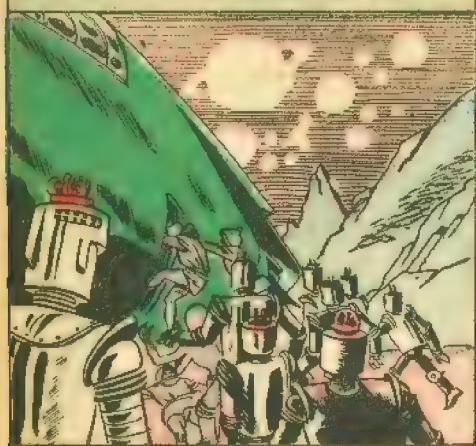




BARELY IN TIME, AVENGER CHANGES THE COMMANDS ISSUING FROM THE BIG PROJECTOR, AND...



GARGOYLE AND HIS BRIGANDS FLEE IN TERROR! INTO THEIR SPACE SHIP...



THEN, IN ANOTHER MOMENT... MOST OF THEM GOT AWAY!

BUT SOME DIDN'T! UGH!



THE ROBOT MENACE IS OVER!

BUT THE GARGOYLE GOT AWAY FROM US!

ALL ROBOTS STAND QUIET!
ALL ROBOTS STAND QUIET!



Slave-Ship of Saturn!

INTO THE GLAMOROUS *SLAVE MARKET* OF THE RINGED PLANET OF *SATURN*, *AVENGER* AND *TEENA* FOLLOW THEIR MURDEROUS FOE... *THE GARGOYLE!* THEN THE TANGLED TRAIL LEADS THEM EVEN FURTHER... OUT THROUGH THE *DESERT WASTES* UNTIL AT LAST THEY MUST BATTLE FOR THEIR VERY *LIVES* AGAINST THE WILY *INTERPLANETARY VILLAIN*...

YOU'RE IN YOUR
LAST FIGHT,
AVENGER!

MY LAST WITH YOU,
GARGOYLE! THIS TIME
I'LL GET YOU!



A Marble River Scan

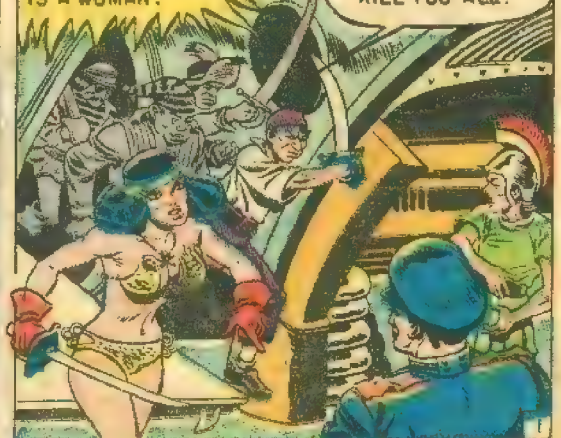
ON THE SPACE-RUN BETWEEN SATURN AND ONE OF HER NINE MOONS, A SHIP OF THE LEGAL SLAVE-TRADE SUDDENLY IS ATTACKED BY SPACE BANDITS, WHO STEAL THE CARGO OF SLAVES!



A Marble River Scan

THE PIRATE CAPTAIN
IS A WOMAN!

YIELD, OR WE'LL
KILL YOU ALL!



MEANWHILE, IN GREAT-NEW YORK, THE WEALTHY YOUNG PHILANTHROPIST, ROD HATHWAY, IS WITH HIS SECRETARY, DOT...

ANOTHER VESSEL WAS ATTACKED BY PIRATES! WE SHOW YOU NOW A PICTURE OF THE PIRATE CAPTAIN, TAKEN BY A CREW MEMBER!

DOT, LOOK!
WE KNOW
THAT
WOMAN!

THAT'S ZARA!
THE SLAVE-
WOMAN FROM
THE EARTH
EMBASSY, IN
MARS! REMEM-
BER?

YES!

NO ONE KNOWS THAT ROD AND DOT ARE THE SPACE DETECTIVE AND TEENA! THEY GO INTO ACTION NOW...

THE GARGOYLE IS AT
THE BOTTOM OF THIS!

ZARA IS
WORKING
WITH
GARGOYLE!

THE AVENGER AND TEENA SPEED TO SATURN! AND IN THE OFFICE OF THE INTERPLANETARY PATROL...

CHIEF AALT, THE MOTIVE OF THESE PIRATES IS CLEAR ENOUGH--THEY'LL SMUGGLE THE STOLEN SLAVES INTO FOREIGN PORTS, AND SELL THEM AT HUGE PRICES!

FROM NOW ON, EVERY SLAVE-SHIP OUT OF HERE WILL HAVE A CONVOY OF MY ARMED VESSELS!

THEN SUDDENLY COMES FRESH, STARTLING NEWS!

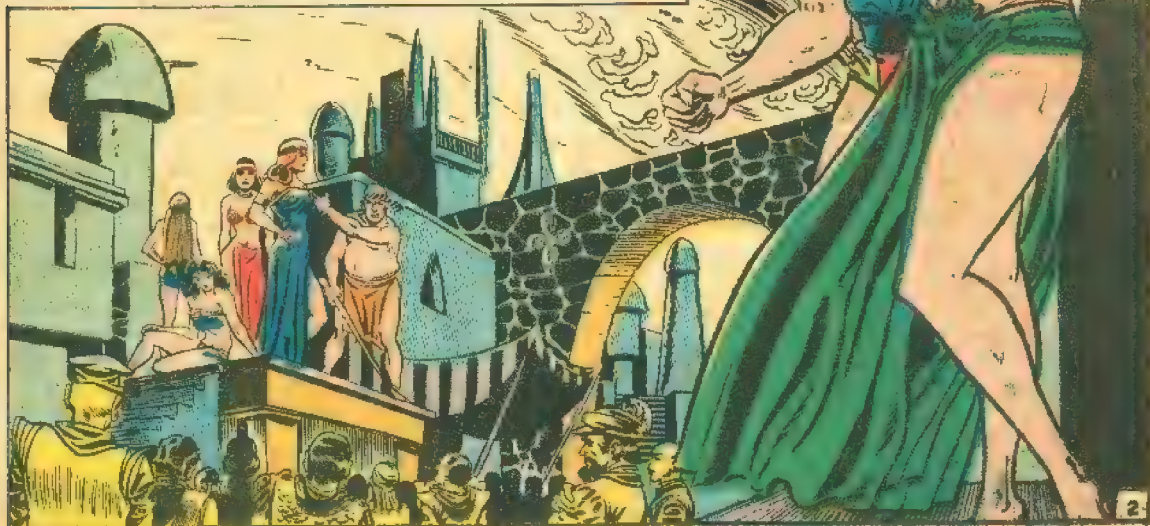
OUT IN THE DESERT, A CARAVAN OF NEWLY-PURCHASED SLAVES HAS BEEN ATTACKED AND THE SLAVES STOLEN!

THE GARGOYLE HAS CHANGED HIS TACTICS! CHIEF, I'VE A PLAN TO HANDLE THIS!

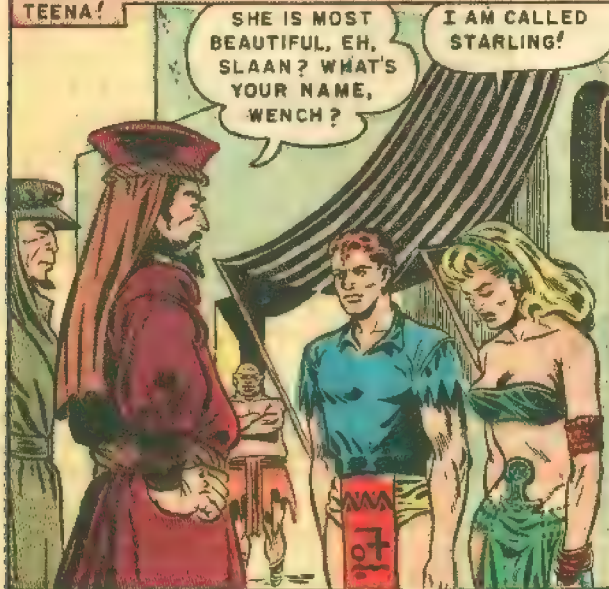
A FEW HOURS LATER, IN THE SLAVE MARKET OF SATURN'S CAPITAL CITY...

THEY'LL PUT US UP FOR SALE SOON, TEENA!

YES, AVENGER!



PRINCE RAGA-XAN, WEALTHY POTENTATE FROM BEYOND THE DESERT, INSPECTS AVENGER AND TEENA!



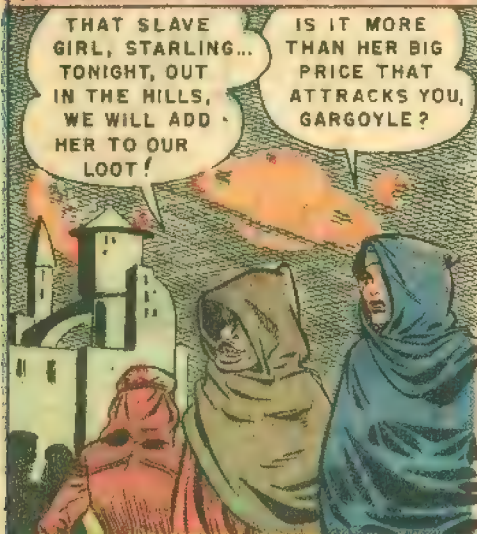
SHE IS MOST BEAUTIFUL, EH, SLAAN? WHAT'S YOUR NAME, WENCH?

I AM CALLED STARLING!

TEENA, GARGOYLE OR SOME OF HIS GANG PROBABLY ARE LURKING AROUND HERE TO SEE WHO BUYS THE MOST VALUABLE SLAVES!



AVENGER'S REASONING IS CORRECT!



THAT SLAVE GIRL, STARLING... TONIGHT, OUT IN THE HILLS, WE WILL ADD HER TO OUR LOOT!

IS IT MORE THAN HER BIG PRICE THAT ATTRACTS YOU, GARGOYLE?

PRESENTLY, THE BIDDING STARTS!

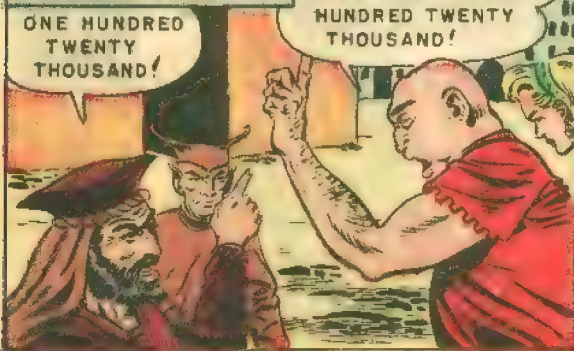


NOW, THE SLAVE, STARLING! WHAT AM I OFFERED, MY FRIENDS!

FIVE THOUSAND!

I MAKE IT TEN!

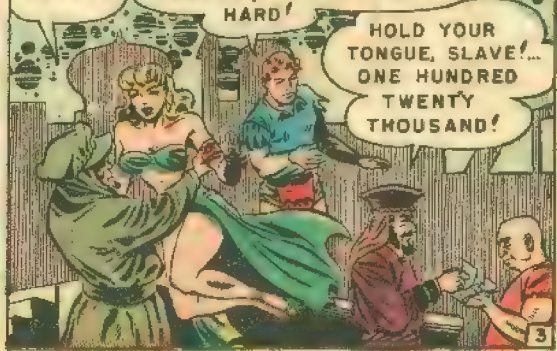
THEN TEENA IS SOLD! A RECORD PRICE!



ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND!

SOLD! TO PRINCE RAGA-XAN FOR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND!

COME, WENCH!



YOU WILL BUY ME ALSO, MASTER? I WILL WORK HARD!

HOLD YOUR TONGUE, SLAVE!... ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND!

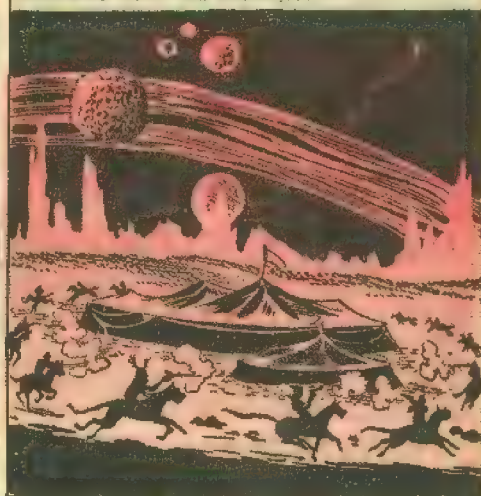
BUT AVENGER IS NOT PURCHASED!

HE DID NOT BUY ME!
I MUST REFUND THE
PRINCE'S MONEY,
AND GET TEENA
BACK!

BUT THE
CARAVAN HAS
ALREADY GONE,
AVENGER!

ALARMED FOR TEENA,
AVENGER DASHES AWAY,
AND... I'VE GOT TO
CATCH THE PRINCE'S
CARAVAN BEFORE
GARGOYLE
ATTACKS
IT!

BUT HE IS TOO LATE! AS THE CARAVAN
ENCAMPS FOR THE NIGHT...



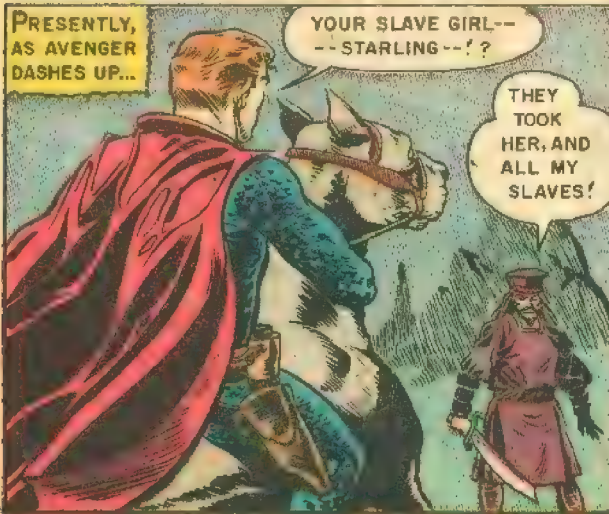
LET ME
GO!



PRESENTLY,
AS AVENGER
DASHES UP...

YOUR SLAVE GIRL--
--STARLING--?!

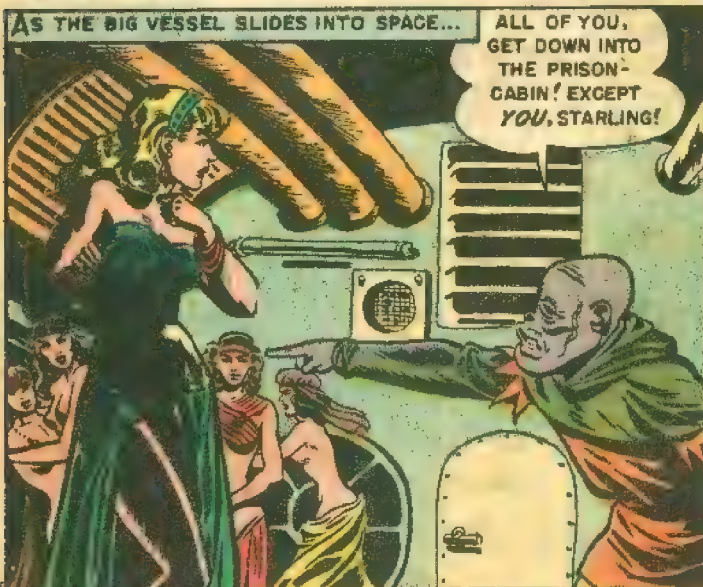
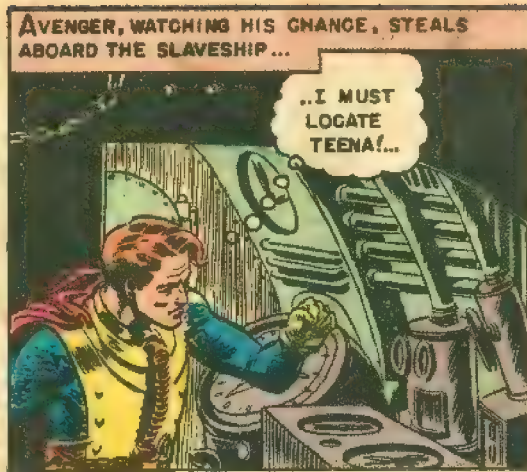
THEY
TOOK
HER, AND
ALL MY
SLAVES!



THE DESPERATE AVENGER GALLOPS OUT
THROUGH THE SAND HILLS...

... GOT TO OVERTAKE THEM...
FIND THEIR HIDEOUT...







I HAVE YOUR CLOTHES AND WEAPONS, TEENA! HURRY!

RIGHT!



AS TEENA AND AVENGER DASH AWAY... WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH STARLING?

GARGOYLE, WAIT! LISTEN...



BUT GARGOYLE LEAPS AT ZARA, AND... THE AVENGER! AND TEENA!

AAAAIEEE!

AND AS THE TURMOIL BRINGS THE STARTLED BANDITS...



NOW WE'LL SETTLE THIS, GARGOYLE!

KEEP BACK!



YEOW!...IT'S TEENA!... AND AVENGER!



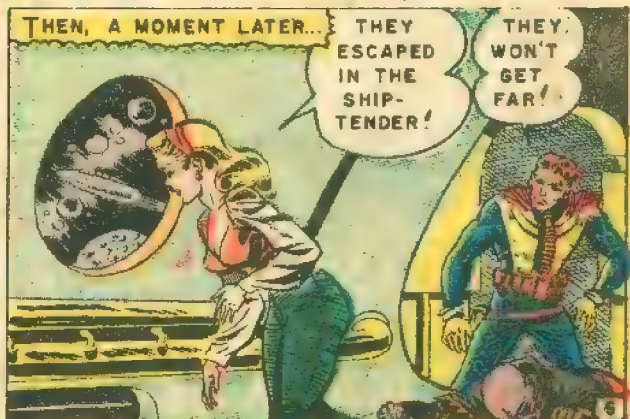
YOUR LAST FIGHT, AVENGER!

YOU MEAN, MY LAST ONE... WITH YOU!

AND AS THE BANDITS SEE THEIR LEADER FALL... UGH!



RUN FOR THE PRESSURE PORT!...WE'LL BAIL OUT!



THEN, A MOMENT LATER...

THEY ESCAPED IN THE SHIP-TENDER!

THEY WON'T GET FAR!

OUT IN SPACE, THE BANDITS MAKE
A ZOOMING CIRCLE, AND THEN...

WE'LL SMASH
THEM NOW!

GET RID OF
AVENGER AND
TEENA FOREVER!

THE BANDITS' SHOTS ARE BURSTING AROUND THE
BIG SLAVESHIP! DESPERATELY, AVENGER LOADS THE
SPACE-GUN!

I'LL GET THIS
LOADED IN A
MINUTE!...

THOSE FOOLS!
THEY MIGHT
HIT US!

I THINK THE
ELECTRONIC SLAB
IS MORE LIKELY
TO GET YOU,
GARGOYLE!

AND PRESENTLY...

HIT
IT!

THE END OF THE MURDEROUS PIRATE GANG!

SOON THE BIG SPACEFLYER HEADS FOR EARTH...

WE'RE TAKING YOU TO EARTH!
THERE IS NO SLAVERY THERE!
YOU WILL BE SET FREE!

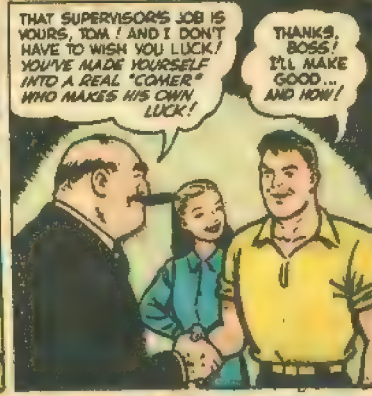
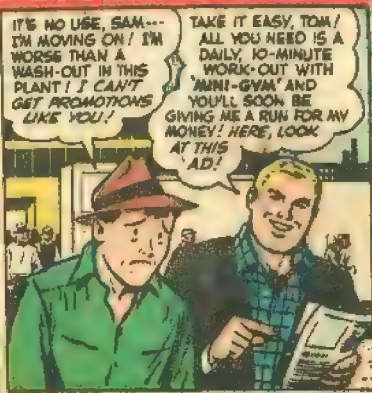
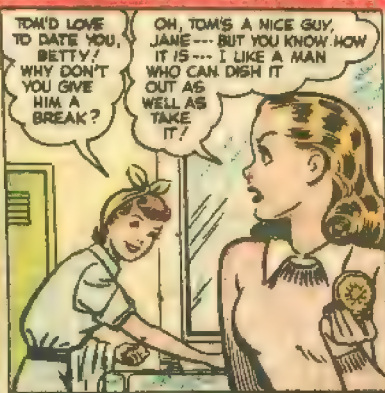
WE'RE GOING
TO THE EARTH!
...WE'LL BE FREE!

BACK AT LAST IN GREAT-NEW YORK...

THIS TIME, UNTIL HE GOES TO
THE ELECTRONIC SLAB, HE'LL
BE CAREFULLY GUARDED!

I CERTAINLY
HOPE SO!

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The Case OF THE SUB-SEA BANDITS

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IF HE RIPS YOUR
AIR-SUIT, THAT'S
THE FINISH.

TWO CAN
PLAY AT
THAT.

IN THE DARK DEPTHS OF NEW YORK HARBOR, THE MURDEROUS INTERNATIONAL PLOTTERS OF THE YEAR 2000 THOUGHT THEIR SECRET WAS SAFE, EVEN FROM THE FAMOUS POLICE **SHADOW SQUAD**! BUT DOWN INTO THE BLACK WATERY OOZE THE S.S. MEN PLUNGED, RISKING THEIR LIVES AS THEY FOUGHT TO SOLVE THE WEIRD CASE!

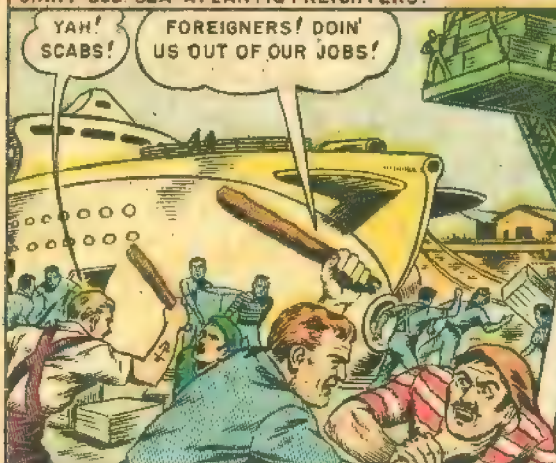
"IT BEGAN ONE SPRING EVENING WHEN ABOUT EIGHT O'CLOCK, MAC, OUR CHIEF, SUMMONED MY PARTNER BOB TRANT AND I TO S.S. DESK 4..."

HERE'S A ROUTINE JOB FOR YOU! REFERRED TO US FROM THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU!

OKAY, CHIEF!

REMEMBER ME? I'M JAC LOMBARD, POLICE DETECTIVE, SHADOWSQUAD DIVISION! WE BUMP INTO SOME PRETTY WEIRD STUFF, SOMETIMES! SOME START LIKE NOTHING MUCH, AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, YOU'VE GOT WHAT COULD BLOSSOM OUT INTO A WORLD WAR ON YOUR HANDS! THAT THING I CALL THE CASE OF THE SUB-SEA BANDITS, FOR INSTANCE...

"A DOCK RIOT HAD OCCURED THAT AFTERNOON DURING THE UNLOADING OF THE *NAUTILUS*, ONE OF THE NEW, GIANT SUB-SEA ATLANTIC FREIGHTERS!"



YAH!
SCABS!

FOREIGNERS! DOIN'
US OUT OF OUR JOBS!

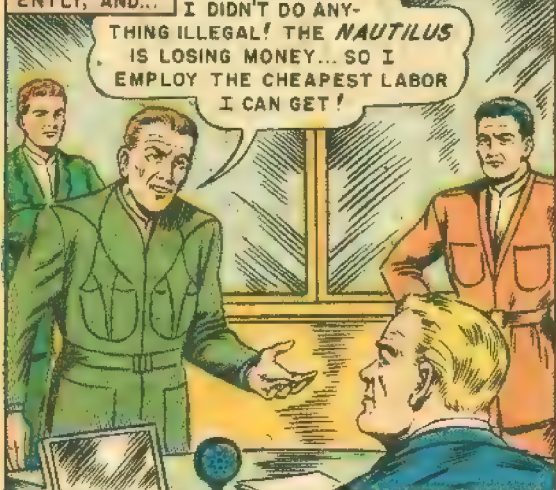
"THE *NAUTILUS* WAS OWNED BY AN AMERICAN! ONE JOHN MAGNUS! HE HAD RECENTLY FIRED HIS ENTIRE AMERICAN CREW, REPLACED THEM WITH FOREIGNERS... PAROLE IMMIGRANTS WHO WERE SHORTLY TO BE DEPORTED!" **CRIME**



PREVENTION WANTS US TO INVESTIGATE THIS FELLOW MAGNUS! EVERY TIME THE *NAUTILUS* GETS IN, THERE'LL BE A RIOT!

WELL, YOU
SURE CAN'T
BLAME THOSE
WHO GOT
FIRED!

"MAC HAD SENT FOR MAGNUS! HE CAME PRESENTLY, AND..."



I DIDN'T DO ANY-
THING ILLEGAL! THE *NAUTILUS*
IS LOSING MONEY... SO I
EMPLOY THE CHEAPEST LABOR
I CAN GET!

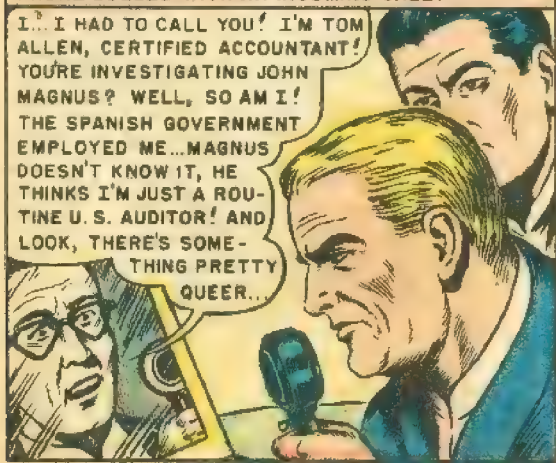
"MAGNUS HAD BROUGHT A FRIEND WITH HIM!"



I AM JOSE GONZALES, COUNCIL-GENERAL HERE! IT EES NOT ILLEGAL TO EMPLOY MY COUNTRYMEN! WHEN THEY FIND NO WORK, YOU DEPORT THEM! BUT WHEN THEY WORK, YOUR AMERICAN LABORERS ASSAULT THEM! HOW

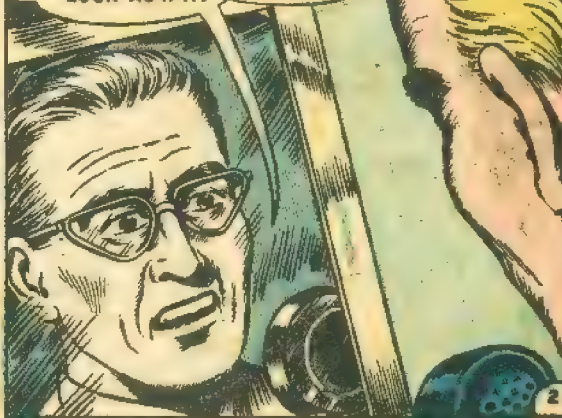
EEES THE SENSE OF
THAT? WE DON'T
WANT RIOTS! THAT'S
WHAT WE'RE TRYING
TO PREVENT!

"THE ARGUMENT GOT US NOWHERE! AND WHEN MAGNUS AND GONZALES HAD LEFT, THE AUDI-PHONE BUZZED WITH AN INCOMING CALL!"



I... I HAD TO CALL YOU! I'M TOM ALLEN, CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT! YOU'RE INVESTIGATING JOHN MAGNUS? WELL, SO AM I! THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYED ME... MAGNUS DOESN'T KNOW IT, HE THINKS I'M JUST A ROUTINE U.S. AUDITOR! AND LOOK, THERE'S SOMETHING PRETTY QUEER...

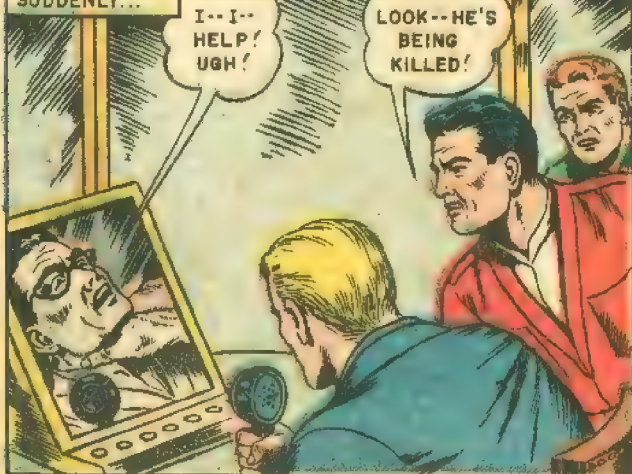
THE SPANISH PRESIDENT THINKS MAGNUS IS BEING FINANCED BY THE SPANISH REVOLUTIONISTS! THE PLOTTERS NEED MUNITIONS, AND IT DOES LOOK AS IF...



"YOUNG ALLEN HAD NO CHANCE TO SAY MORE! HE WAS CALLING US FROM A MID-TOWN PUBLIC BOOTH, AND SUDDENLY..."

I--I--
HELP!
UGH!

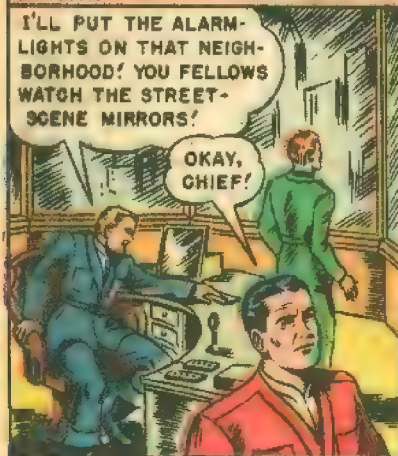
LOOK--HE'S
BEING
KILLED!



"THEN THE TEL-GRID WENT DARK! HERE AT DESK 4, MAC SPRANG INTO ACTION!"

I'LL PUT THE ALARM-
LIGHTS ON THAT NEIGH-
BORHOOD! YOU FELLOWS
WATCH THE STREET-
SCENE MIRRORS!

OKAY,
CHIEF!



THERE HE GOES,
CHIEF! ALERT
THE NEAREST
POLICE PATROL!

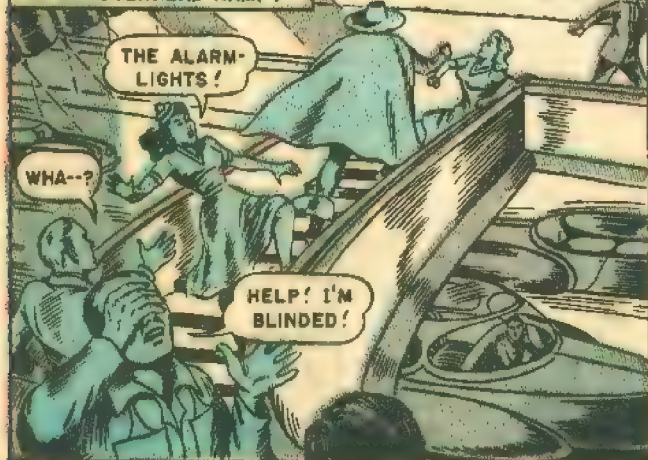


"I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF HIM AGAIN ON ANOTHER MIRROR! I FIRED THE ACTING ALARM-LIGHTS ALONG AN ESCALATOR TO AN OVERHEAD RAMP!"

THE ALARM-
LIGHTS!

WHA--?

HELP! I'M
BLINDED!



"YOU CAN'T CREATE A CITY TURMOIL LIKE THAT WITHOUT DISASTER! THERE WERE A COUPLE OF MINOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND THEN WE GAVE IT UP!"

HEY THERE!

LOOK OUT!

WHANG!

CRASH!

TOO DANGEROUS!

GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT,
CHIEF! HE'S GONE!



"FOR A MINUTE, I SWITCHED BACK TO THAT PUBLIC TEL-BOOTH IN GEORGE'S PHARMACY..."

HE'S DEAD
ALL RIGHT!

STRANGLER,
THEN
STABBED!

IF THE SPANISH REVOLUTIONISTS
ARE FINANCING MAGNUS, HE'D BE
COMMISSIONED TO SMUGGLE WAR
MATERIALS TO THEM! BY LAW,
NO WAR MATERIAL CAN LEAVE THE
COUNTRY!

AND THEY KILLED
ALLEN--TO SILENCE
HIM!

THAT'S WHAT
ALLEN WAS
TRYING TO TELL
US! MAGNUS
HAS SECRETLY
BEEN BUYING
MUNI-
TIONS--

AN' HERE'S ANOTHER QUEER
THING! THE CHIEF NAVIGATOR
OF THE *NAUTILUS* IS AN
AMERICAN! MAGNUS HASN'T
FIRED HIM! THE *NAUTILUS*
SAILS FOR SPAIN AT MID-
NIGHT TONIGHT--AND IT'S
GOING WITHOUT CARGO!

A BIG SUBMARINE
FREIGHTER MAKES A
TRANS-ATLANTIC
VOYAGE--EMPTY?
CERTAINLY QUEER!

"SUDDENLY, AN OUTSIDE CALL CAME IN FOR TRANT!
IT WAS WILLARD ROBINSON, THE *NAUTILUS*' NAVI-
GATOR, WHO HAD MET TRANT, AND WAS CALL-
ING HIM NOW FROM A PUBLIC BOOTH!"

MAGNUS SAID HE DIDN'T
WANT TO CAUSE ANY MORE
DOCK RIOTS HERE, TRYING
TO LOAD CARGO! SO HE'S
SENDING THE *NAUTILUS*
OVER TO GET THE SPANISH
EXPORTS HE CAN BRING
BACK!

SOUNDS FISHY
TO ME!

LISTEN--A FELLOW NAMED
THOMAS ALLEN GOT MUR-
DERED! I WANT
TO TELL YOU
ABOUT THAT--
AND SOMETHING
ELSE--IMPORTANT!

"THEN, IN THAT DISTANT TEL-BOOTH..."

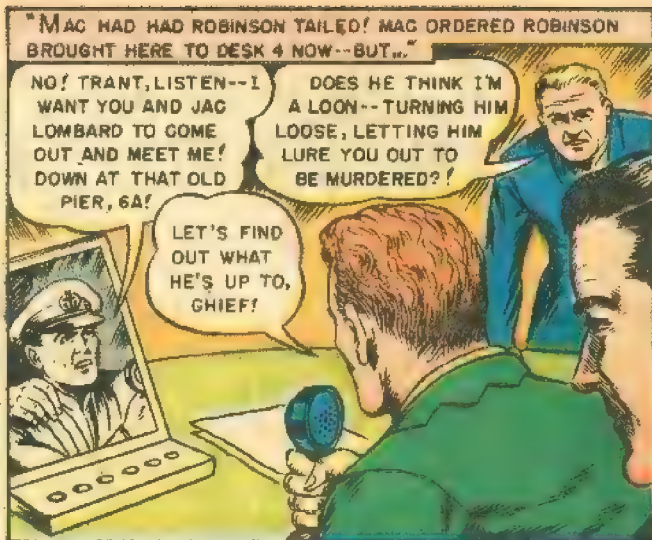
I'VE JUST LEARNED--
UGH!

WHA--?!

"ANOTHER MURDER--LIKE ALLEN!"



TAKE IT EASY, FELLA--YOU'LL GET HURT!... I GOT HIM, MR. MAC FARLAN!



"MAC HAD HAD ROBINSON TAILED! MAC ORDERED ROBINSON BROUGHT HERE TO DESK 4 NOW--BUT..."

NO! TRANT, LISTEN--I WANT YOU AND JAC LOMBARD TO COME OUT AND MEET ME! DOWN AT THAT OLD PIER, 6A!

DOES HE THINK I'M A LOON--TURNING HIM LOOSE, LETTING HIM LURE YOU OUT TO BE MURDERED?!

LET'S FIND OUT WHAT HE'S UP TO, CHIEF!



YOU'VE GOT UNDERWATER EQUIPMENT, HAVEN'T YOU? I'LL MEET YOU RIGHT AWAY!

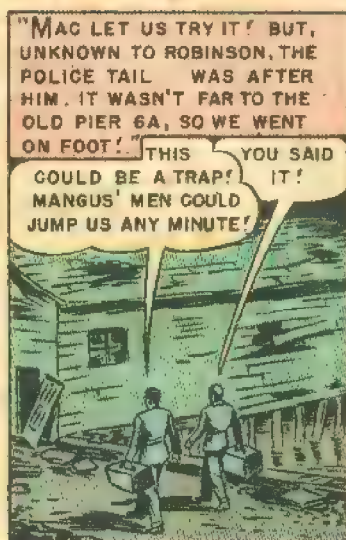
WAIT A MINUTE, WE'LL SEE!



OKAY! BUT I'LL KEEP THAT POLICE TAIL AFTER ROBINSON! AND I'LL ORDER AN ALARM SQUAD READY!

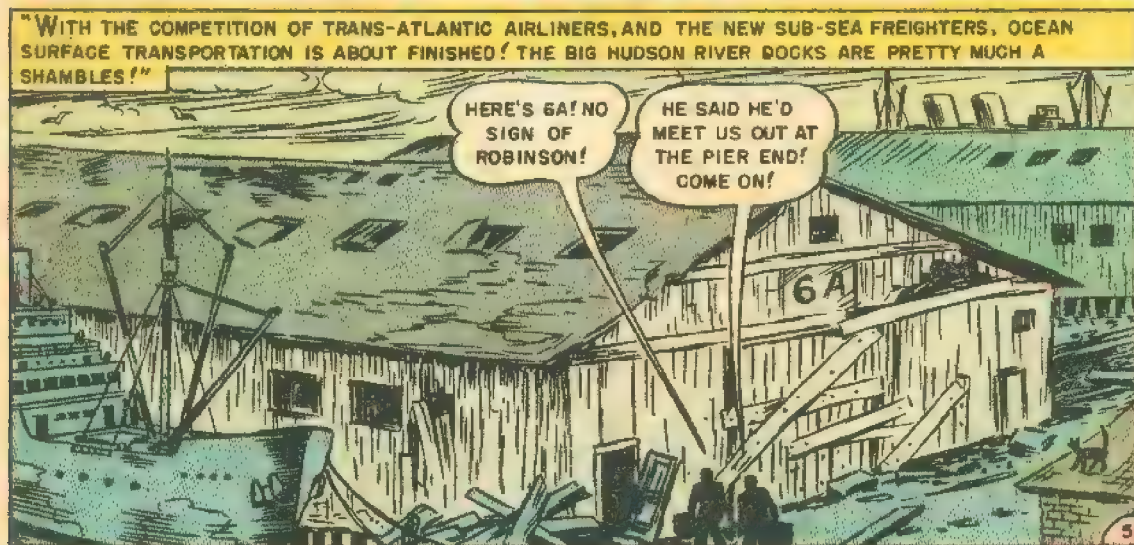
WE'LL USE OUR HEADS!

KEEP THE ALARM SQUAD OUT OF THIS! LISTEN, CHIEF--WE'RE SHADOW SQUAD MEN! WE DON'T WANT A BRASS BAND WITH US!



"MAC LET US TRY IT! BUT, UNKNOWN TO ROBINSON, THE POLICE TAIL WAS AFTER HIM. IT WASN'T FAR TO THE OLD PIER 6A, SO WE WENT ON FOOT!"

THIS YOU SAID COULD BE A TRAP! IT! MANGUS' MEN COULD JUMP US ANY MINUTE!



"WITH THE COMPETITION OF TRANS-ATLANTIC AIRLINERS, AND THE NEW SUB-SEA FREIGHTERS, OCEAN SURFACE TRANSPORTATION IS ABOUT FINISHED! THE BIG HUDSON RIVER DOCKS ARE PRETTY MUCH A SHAMBLES!"

HERE'S 6A! NO SIGN OF ROBINSON!

HE SAID HE'D MEET US OUT AT THE PIER END! COME ON!

"WE GOT NEARLY TO THE END OF THE PIER! EVERY INSTANT I THOUGHT THAT SOME LURKING SHADOW WOULD JUMP US! THEN SUDDENLY WE SAW A SLINKING SHAPE! I MADE A LEAP, GRABBED IT..."

THE POLICE TAIL.

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE FOLLOWING ROBINSON! WHERE IS HE?

I--I LOST HIM! I DUNNO WHERE HE IS! I WAS WAITIN' FOR YOU!



"WHAT ELSE COULD YOU EXPECT FROM A POLICE TAIL."

THAT'S NICE! THANKS FOR THE HELP!

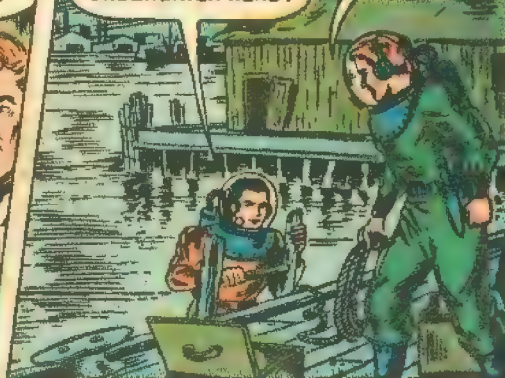
GO ON HOME! WE NEVER WANTED YOU ANYWAY!



"STILL THERE WAS NO SIGN OF ROBINSON. MAYBE YOU'LL SAY TRANT AND I WERE BRASH FOOLS! I GUESS WE WERE!"

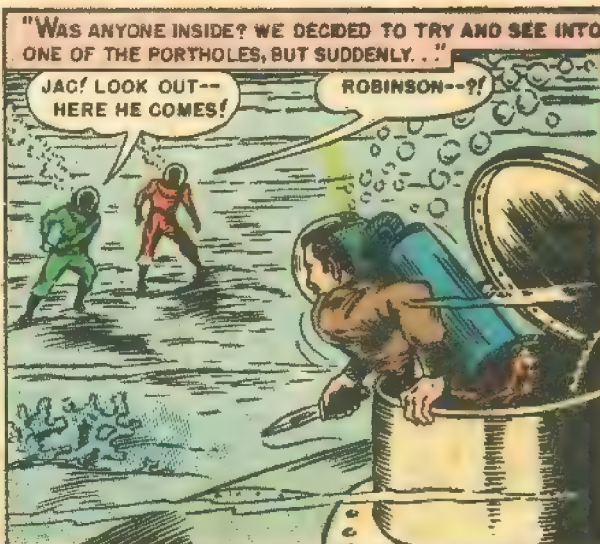
ROBINSON SAID HE WANTED TO TAKE US UNDERWATER HERE!

WE'LL SEE WHY!



LOOK, A LITTLE 20 FOOT SUBMARINE!

LIGHTED PORT-HOLES!



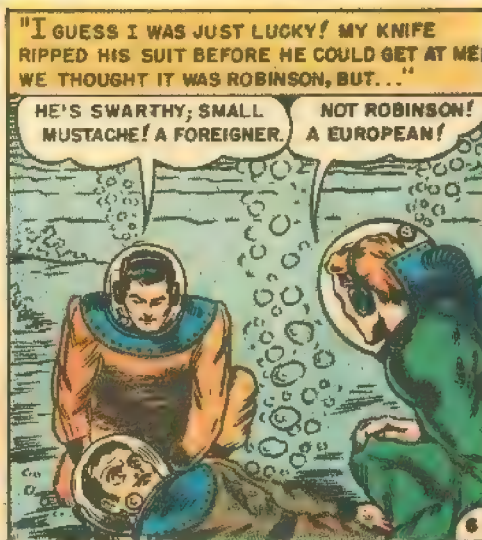
"WAS ANYONE INSIDE? WE DECIDED TO TRY AND SEE INTO ONE OF THE PORTHOLES, BUT SUDDENLY..."

JAC! LOOK OUT-- HERE HE COMES!

ROBINSON--?!



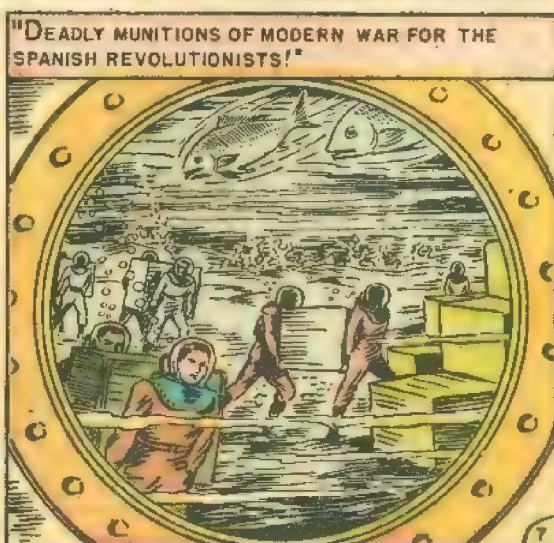
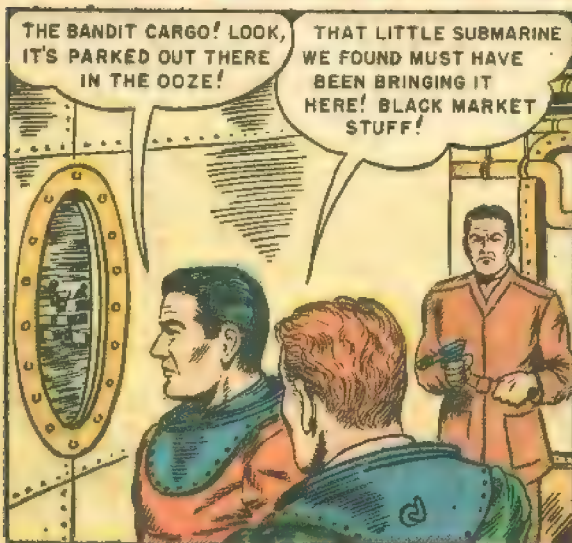
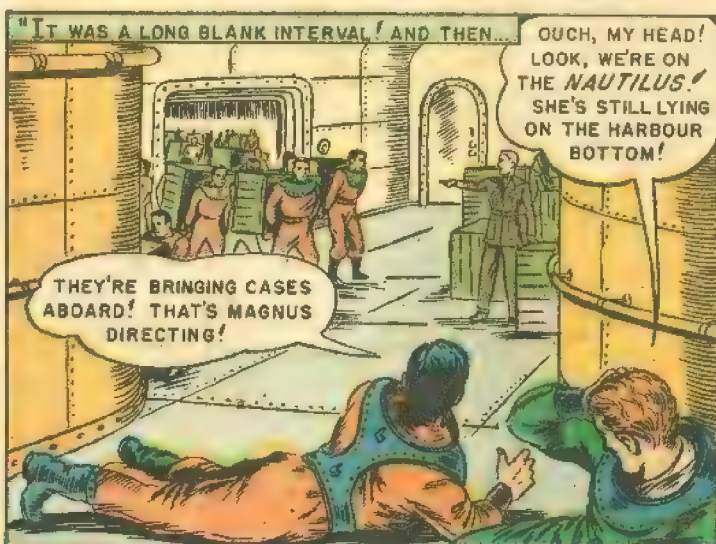
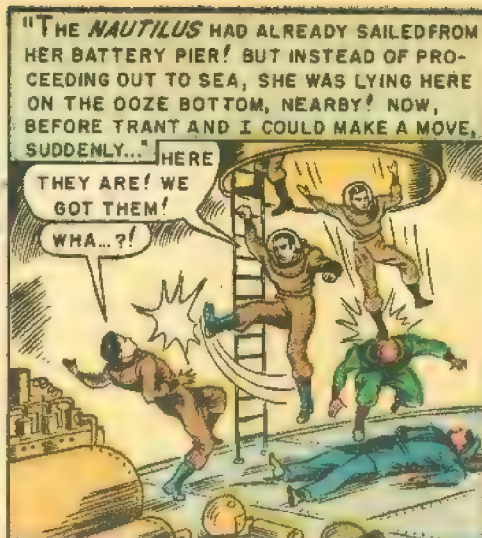
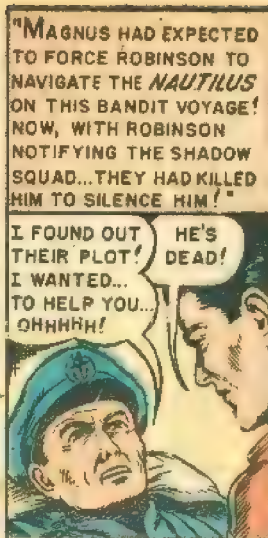
DON'T LET HIM SLASH YOUR AIR-SUIT, JAC!

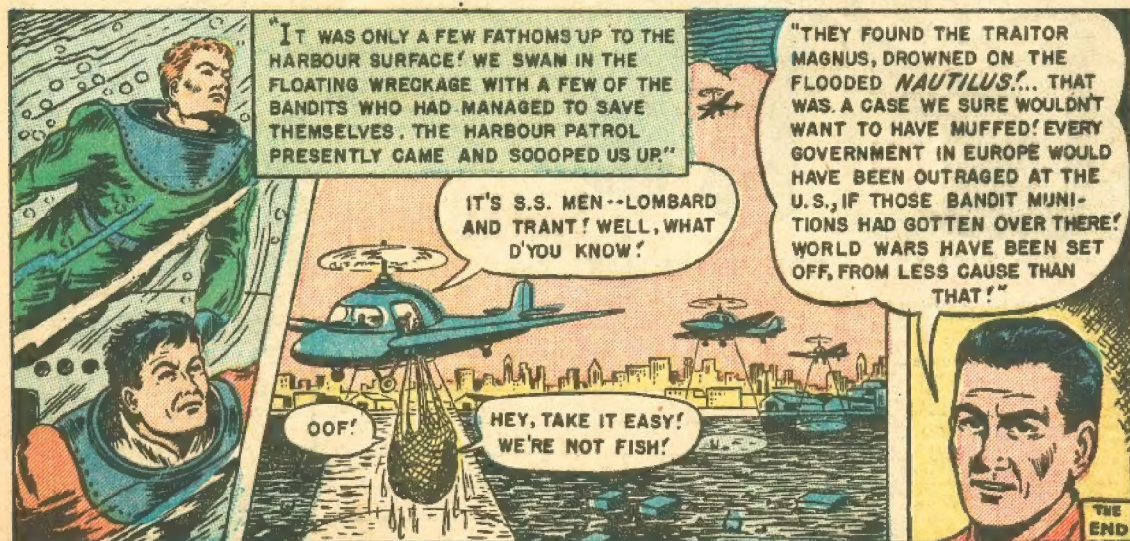
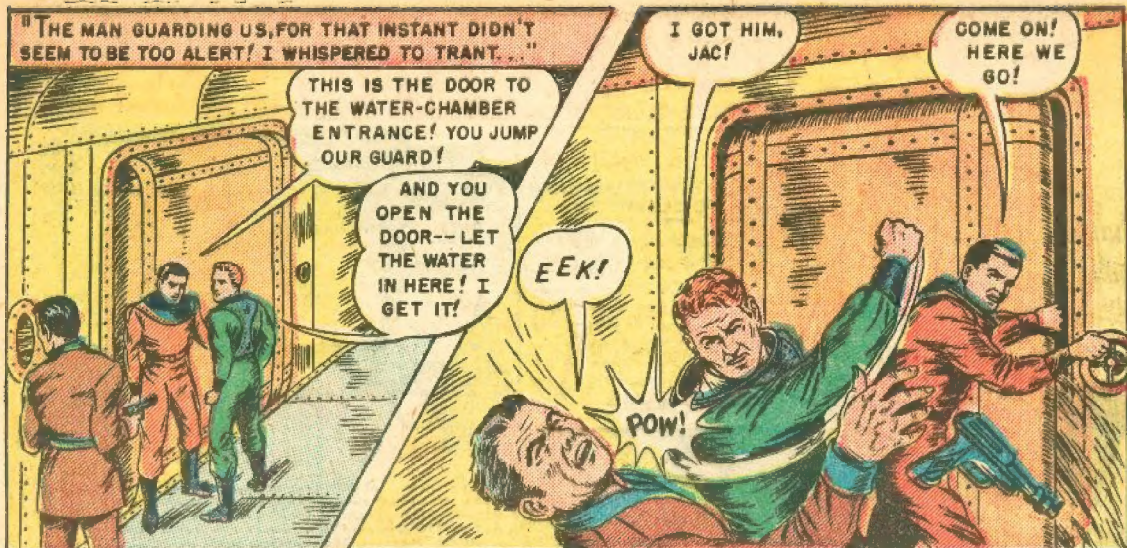


"I GUESS I WAS JUST LUCKY! MY KNIFE RIPPED HIS SUIT BEFORE HE COULD GET AT ME! WE THOUGHT IT WAS ROBINSON, BUT..."

HE'S SWARTHY; SMALL MUSTACHE! A FOREIGNER.

NOT ROBINSON! A EUROPEAN!





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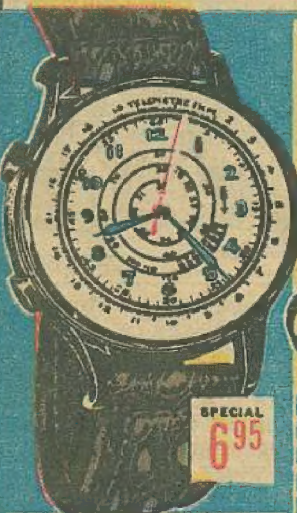
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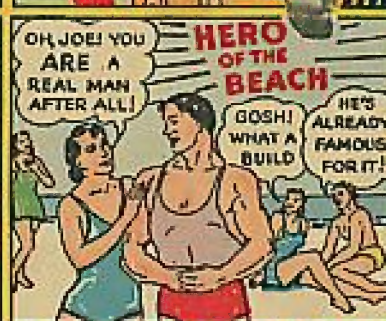
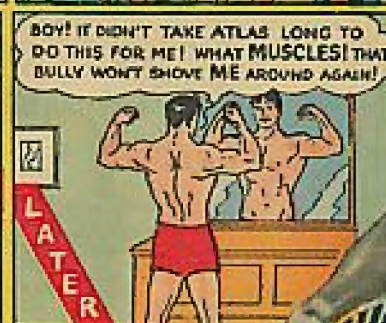
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